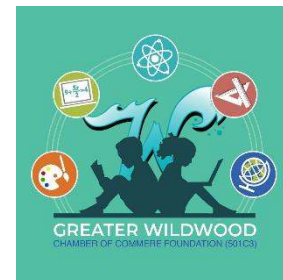


# Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation 2024 Scholarship Application

Application due date: Friday, April 12, 2024



## Scholarship 2024

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **Friday, April 12, 2024**, at 4:00 p.m. (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will NOT be accepted.
5. You will be notified by phone or mail in May regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call Tracey DuFault, Executive Director of Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation. (609) 729-4000 or by email at [tdufault@gwcoc.org](mailto:tdufault@gwcoc.org).

**MISSION STATEMENT** Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation, INC is a Community Trust. We invest in the people who we believe will contribute to the long-term benefit of our residents, our businesses, and our visitors. To meet that objective, we provide financial assistance for students who reside in the Wildwoods, and to organizations that support charitable activities within the community.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and community involvement including but not limited to volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation awards scholarships based on a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay, Career Choice, and Financial Need. Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient. Scholarships are awarded at the completion of the first semester if the student has a 2.75 GPA and is enrolled full time for the following semester. The Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

## CRITERIA

- Applicants must attend a High School located in Cape May County and have permanent residence status in the Wildwoods (North Wildwood, Wildwood Crest, West Wildwood or Wildwood).
- Applicants must be completing high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester.
- Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Applicants must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by Friday, **April 12, 2024 @ 4:00pm**.
- Scholarship recipients will receive their check **only** after all required college documents are received including their fall college semester grades showing 2.75 GPA .

## TIMELINE

- Applications must be received by **Friday, April 12, 2024 @ 4:00pm**. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by May 2024.

## Application Process

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
- Two academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter from an employer or other community member.
- Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies.
- Proof of residency in the Wildwoods.
- Demonstrated financial need.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Award notification will be given by May 15, 2024, at the Wildwoods Restaurant Showcase.

### CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Scholarship recipients will receive their check for the next semester only after their grades from the previous semester and full-time enrollment paperwork have been received. Students must receive a 2.75 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale.

**Deadline** for the application is Friday, **April 12, 2024 @ 4:00pm**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

**Please mail OR submit application in person to:**

#### **GWCOG Foundation Scholarship Program**

#### **Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce**

**Attn: Tracey DuFault**

3306 Pacific Avenue  
Wildwood, NJ 08260

**The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**

Yes	No	Three reference letters. Two academic references and one from an employer or other community member.
Yes	No	Proof of residency in the Wildwoods.
Yes	No	Most recent official high school transcript. Photocopies of transcripts not acceptable.
Yes	No	Answers to questions 1 - 16

**GWCOG Foundation 2024 Application**

Office
Use: _____
Name: _____
Application #: _____

**Please complete ALL questions. Add separate sheet if needed. Incomplete or illegible applications will NOT be accepted.**

1. Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
2. Mailing Address: _____	
3. Resident Address: _____	
4. Phone Number: _____	Email Address: _____
5. Current High School: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____
6. List of schools you have applied to attend in order of choice: _____	
7. What school do you plan on attending? _____	
8. What specialty/major do you plan to continue your education? _____	
9. Will you be a full-time student? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided Will you be a commuting student?  Will you live on campus? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided If not living on campus, where will you live? _____	
10. Grade point Average (GPA) _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Class ranking: Number _____ out of _____ graduating seniors.	

11. Complete name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s). If applicable, please list both households starting with student's primary residents.

12. List expenses of your choice school, you expect to incur per **semester**. Make additional comments if needed.

A. Tuition:	Amount: \$	_____
B. Books:	Amount: \$	_____
C. Room & Board:	Amount: \$	_____
D. Other Expenses:	Amount: \$	_____
TOTAL:		Amount: \$ _____

13. List other financial assistance you will receive per **semester**:

A. Personal/Self (i.e. Job, Savings)	Amount:	\$ _____
	Amount:	\$ _____
B. Parent's Assistance:	Amount:	\$ _____
	Amount:	\$ _____
C. School Scholarship Offer:	Amount:	\$ _____
	Amount:	\$ _____
D. Other Scholarships you applied for:	Amount:	\$ _____
	Amount:	\$ _____
E. Student Loan(s):	Amount:	\$ _____
	Amount:	\$ _____
F. Other Financial Resources:	Amount:	\$ _____
	Amount:	\$ _____
TOTAL:		\$ _____

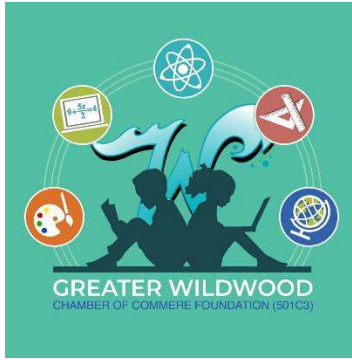
**PLEASE list the following information on separate sheet if needed.**

14. SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.

15. MAX Words 300: Please explain your need for the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship.

16. MAX Words 300: Please explain what you want to study and why?

17. MAX Words 300: What are your short- and long-term goals, as well as where do you see yourself professionally in 10 years?



## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. Questions and essays are original documents from the applicant - not plagiarized or computer generated in any form. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice and achieve a minimum of a 2.75 GPA during the fall semester before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Print scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The deadline for this application to be received by Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce Foundation is **Friday, April 12, 2024, at 4:00p.m.**  
**NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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Do you have questions?  
Please email Tracey DuFault at [tdefault@gwcoc.org](mailto:tdefault@gwcoc.org)